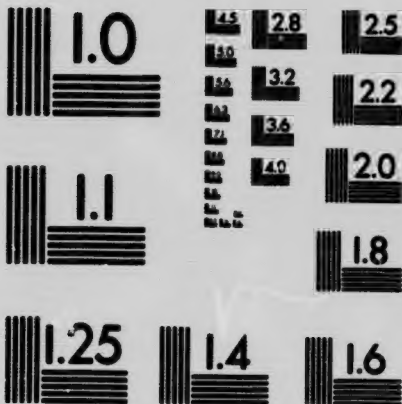




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FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF PHYSICAL ~~AND~~ AND MILITARY *Training*
~~AND~~ IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1. The following shall be the officers of the Trust :—

Patron—His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada.

Vice-Patron—The Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.C.M.G., Premier.

President—The Honourable Sir F. W. Borden, K.C.M.G., or the Minister of Militia for the time being.

Vice-Presidents—The Minister in charge of Education in each Province of the Dominion which shall have notified its adhesion to the arrangements regarding Physical Training and Military Drill in public schools, sanctioned by Orders-in-Council of 13th August, 1908.

***Executive Council*—**

(a) The Minister of Militia and Defence for the time being, Chairman.

(b) The members of the Militia Council for the time being.

(c) Two representatives to be named by the Minister in charge of Education in Ontario ;*

Two representatives to be named by the Minister in charge of Education in Quebec ;*

One representative to be named by the Ministers in charge of Education in each of the remaining Provinces.*

(d) The Military Officers Commanding Commands and Independent Districts in Canada.

With a Secretary to be detailed by the Chairman from the staff of the Department of Militia and Defence.

* Subject to the condition that the Province represented must have notified its adhesion to the arrangements regarding Physical Training and Military Drill in public schools, sanctioned by Orders-in-Council of 13th August, 1908.

2. The Executive Council shall administer the Trust in accord with the principles set forth in paragraph 5 of this paper, and shall be charged with—

(a) Laying down the conditions which the Education Department of a Province must accept in order to entitle the schools of the Province to share in the benefits of the scheme.

(b) Accepting the adhesion of the various Provinces to the principles governing the proposals respecting Physical and Military Training in public schools, already agreed to in the case of Nova Scotia.

(c) Laying down the general conditions as regards Physical and Military Training, respectively, which must be fulfilled by schools in order to qualify them to compete for the rewards offered.

(d) Apportioning the money grant between the various Provinces and deciding what proportion should be allotted to physical training only and what to military training and rifle shooting.

(e) Framing the arrangements necessary to ensure that the military training which the Trust is designed to promote shall be so carried out as to be in harmony with the Cadet Corps policy of the Militia Department.

(f) Receiving and administering the income of the Trust.

3. In order to facilitate the adaptation of the general rules and regulations to be laid down by the Executive Council to varying local conditions—especially in regard to the instruction of the teachers, the training of the children, the inspection of schools, and the allotment of rewards—the Executive Council shall constitute a local committee for each Province which has declared its adhesion to the scheme (see paragraph 1). This Committee shall be composed as follows:—

(a) The Senior Military Officer (Commanding Officer of the District) as Chairman;

(b) Three civilian members, to be named by the Minister in charge of Education for the Province, or his representative;

(c) Three Military Officers belonging to the Province, to be named by the Militia Council.

4. The local Committees shall be charged with—

(a) Ensuring that the means of instruction in physical and military training are available for both teachers and pupils, where required.

(b) Division of the Province into convenient districts for purposes of supervision and competition.

(c) Arranging details of the training to be given, so as to suit local conditions.

(d) The arrangement of competitions and inspections, and allotment of rewards, in accordance with the general instructions of the Executive Council.

5. The following are the general principles in accordance with which the Trust shall be administered :

(a) His object being not only to improve the physical and intellectual capabilities of the children, by inculcating habits of alertness, orderliness and prompt obedience, but also to bring up the boys to patriotism, and to a realization that the first duty of a free citizen is to be prepared to defend his country, the intention of the Founder is that, while physical training and elementary drill should be encouraged for all children of both sexes attending public schools, especial importance is to be attached to the teaching of military drill generally to all boys, including rifle shooting for boys capable of using rifles. All boys should, so far as possible, be made to acquire a fair acquaintance, while at school, with military drill and rifle shooting.

() The administration of the Trust shall be such as to enable both sexes, whether teachers or pupils, to share in the rewards, and the allotments of money should be so made as to afford an inducement both to the teachers to instruct and to the pupils to perfect themselves in the training specified above.

(c) The whole of the money grant, in the preliminary stages at least, is to be devoted to encouraging the training referred to in those schools and other educational establishments which are maintained out of public funds.

(d) The allotment of the funds available for rewards between the several Provinces shall, broadly speaking, be in proportion to their population of school age.

(e) Service, whether by the Executive Council or the local committees, shall be gratuitous. There shall be no fees chargeable against the Trust.

In the application of these principles, the Executive Council shall be the sole judge of the intentions of the Founder, and its decision shall be final.

6. The Dominion Government has consented to receive the whole amount of Lord Strathcona's donation upon trust, paying interest thereon at 4 per cent, and placing the amount of such interest half yearly to the credit of the account of the Executive Council of the Trust.

7. To the Minister of Militia, as Chairman of the Executive Council, is entrusted the initiative in all matters connected with the organisation and administration of the Trust.

8. The term "Public Schools" includes also, for the purposes of the Trust, Separate and all other schools and educational establishments (other than Universities) which are maintained mainly out of public funds and are under the control of the Education Departments of the various Provinces.

EXTRACT from letter from the Rt. Honble. the Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal to the Honble. Sir F. W. Borden, K.C.M.G., Minister of Militia and Defence, dated April 17, 1900.

"It is not my desire to make any alteration in the Trust Deed, as formulated by you."

(Sd) STEATHCONA AND MOUNT ROYAL.

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 13th August, 1903.

The Minister of Militia and Defence submits the following synopsis of proposals entered into between the Educational Authorities of the Province of Nova Scotia and himself respecting Physical Training and Military Drill in all Public Schools of that Province;—

The Provincial Educational Authorities have, on their part, undertaken : (a) To enforce more generally their regulations respecting Physical Training and Military Drill in all public schools ; (b) To adopt for the future, a system to be uniform with that of the other Provinces of the Dominion, and of Great Britain, suitable to the age and sex of the pupils ; (c) To encourage the formation of cadet corps and of rifle practice among boys who are old enough to attend the High School ; (d) To require, before granting a teacher's license of higher grade than the 3rd class, a certificate of competency to instruct in physical training and elementary military drill, such certificate (Grade "B" Military), to be issued after the examination of the candidate by the Department of Militia and Defence.

As regards (d), these certificates will be issuable to teachers of either sex. There will also be issued a Grade "A" (Military) certificate, which will represent competency to instruct in both physical training and advanced military drill, including rifle shooting. This certificate will be issuable to male teachers only, upon their passing a satisfactory examination after a course of instruction carried out at or under the supervision of a military school of instruction.

The Minister has undertaken, on behalf of the Dominion, to provide—(a) Competent instructors at convenient places and seasons in order to enable teachers to qualify themselves to carry out physical training and military drill.

(b) The payment of a bonus, annually, to every qualified teacher who actually imparts this instruction provided he makes himself eligible therefor by becoming a member of the Militia.

The bonus referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall be paid only upon the certificate of an Inspecting Officer of the Militia that the instruction imparted was satisfactory.

The amount of such bonus and the minimum number of boys necessary to form a corps, upon the instruction of which the amount shall depend, will be as may be hereafter determined.

(c) To supply belts caps, (if desired), and a proportion of the arms and ammunition; also, drill books for the more advanced training of the Cadet Corps.

(d) To prepare a syllabus of the work required to be done by a school or college cadet corps, in order to entitle the teacher to the annual bonus, and to conduct the necessary examinations.

The Minister recommends that the proposals for the carrying on of Physical Training and Military Drill in the Public Schools of the Province of Nova Scotia, as outlined above, be approved.

The Committee submit the same for approval.

(Sd.) RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General on the 13th August, 1908.

On a Memorandum dated 6th August, 1908, from the Minister of Militia and Defence, recommending, with reference to the promotion of Physical Training and Military Drill in the Public Schools of the Province of Nova Scotia, that the said proposals may be made applicable to the other Provinces of the Dominion, subject to such notifications as may be agreed upon.

The Committee submit the same for approval.

(Sd.) RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

PHYSICAL TRAINING AND MILITARY DRILL IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1. The Nova Scotia Educational authorities will enforce more generally their existing regulations which prescribe the practice of Physical Training and Military Drill in all public schools, and will further adopt a system uniform with that of the other provinces of Canada, and of Great Britain, suitable to the age and sex of the pupils, and will encourage the formation of cadet corps, and rifle practice, among the boys of high school age, on the understanding that the Militia Department, on its part, will :—

a. Provide competent instructors, at convenient places and seasons, in order to enable teachers, both those now employed in Nova Scotia, and those under training for such employment, to qualify themselves to carry out physical training and military drill ; and will also

b. Grant an annual bonus to such qualified teachers as actually impart this instruction, provided that they make themselves eligible for this bonus by becoming members of the Militia Force.

2. As regards the instruction of the teachers already employed, there appear to be four centres, at or near which a sufficient number of teachers are employed to enable classes to be formed and carried on in the evenings, without interference with the ordinary day's work, viz :—Halifax, Sydney, Truro, Yarmouth, and possibly a fifth at Pictou or New Glasgow or Antigonish,

may be added. Each course would be followed by an examination.

3. For the benefit of the large number of teachers working out of reach of these centres, it was agreed that such instruction might best be provided during the summer vacation, either at the Vacation School held at Truro, or at the Summer Science School of the Atlantic Provinces, wherever held. It is proposed in these cases to hold two courses of three weeks each, at each place, followed by an examination.

4. The Militia Department will provide the Instructors required, dates and places being settled by agreement with the Education Department of Nova Scotia.

5. In order to provide for the instruction of those students who are qualifying to become teachers, the Militia Department will also provide a competent instructor to conduct a course of Physical Training and Military Drill at the Normal School, Truro, dates to be hereafter arranged, with the Education Department.

6. In future the Education Department will, before granting a teacher's license higher than third class, require a certificate of competency to instruct in Physical Training and Elementary Military Drill. This certificate, Grade B (Military), will, if desired, be issued after examination by the Department of Militia and Defence.

7. The Education Department will within three years from the close of the present school year, give an opportunity (as in 2 and 3 above) for all teachers above the third class who have been licensed without the certificate of Grade B (Military) to obtain this lower certificate, so that no school of higher grade than third class need be without a teacher competent to give the prescribed physical drill effectively in all the departments of the school.

8. The certificates issued will be of two grades :—

Grade A (Military) will represent competency to instruct in both Physical Training and advanced Military Drill, including rifle shooting, and will be issuable to male teachers only, upon their passing a satisfactory examination after a course of instruction carried out at, or under the supervision of a Military School of Instruction.

Grade B (Military) will represent competency to instruct in Physical Training and Elementary Drill and will be issuable to teachers of both sexes.

9. The Militia Department will pay the annual bonuses referred to in paragraph 1 to those teachers only who hold Grade A (Military) certificates and

actually instruct the pupils, and are in addition officers of the School Cadet Corps or members of the Militia.

Under the existing regulations for Cadet Corps, the Department of Militia grants to instructors of Cadet Corps who are on the instructional staff of the school or college concerned, and who attend and obtain a qualifying certificate at any of the Infantry Schools of Instruction, the same transport and allowances as are paid to officers of the Militia for similar attendance.

The annual bonuses will be paid upon the certificate of an Inspecting Officer of the Militia that the instruction imparted is satisfactory.

10. The Militia Department will draft a syllabus of the work required to be done by a School or College Cadet Corps in order to entitle a teacher to the annual bonus, and will conduct the necessary examinations. Until Cadet Corps possess in their officers qualified instructors, this work of instruction will be carried out by instructors detailed by the Militia Department, so far as practicable.

11. The new system will, so far as possible, be brought into force on 1st August, 1908.

12. The system of Physical Training adopted, should be such as to lead on naturally, without change, to the system of drill in force for the Canadian Militia. With this object the Syllabus of Physical Exercises in use in British Elementary Schools will be followed, for the present at any rate. It will be supplemented, for more advanced training and rifle practice, by the official "Infantry Training" in use by the Canadian Militia.

The instruction given in the schools will be such as is suitable to the age and physical condition of the pupils.

13. The Department of Militia will be prepared to supply for the use of Cadet Corps—belts, caps (if desired), a proportion of arms and ammunition, and, in addition, drill books for the more advanced training. Uniforms, if worn, must be supplied by the schools themselves.

14. The amount of the bonuses to be paid by the Department of Militia and the minimum number of boy members necessary to enable a Cadet Corps to be formed (upon the instruction of which the grant of the annual bonus depends) will be fixed after discussion between the Department of Militia and the Education Department of the Province.

